

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 48 are currently pending.

All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

A notice of appeal has been timely filed.

An appeal brief has been timely filed.

In view of the timely filing of the notice of appeal and the appeal brief, Applicant respectfully submits that no further action is currently required by Applicant.

Applicant's position has been confirmed by Examiner Kerns during a telephone interview.

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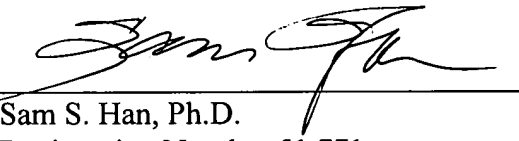
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that no further action is currently required by Applicants.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, should any fees be due, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

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